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INVOLVEMENT OF COL. OSCAR EDGARDO ((CASANOVA)) VEJAR  
IN MURDER OF AMERICAN NUNS

SOURCE SAID

1. [REDACTED] IN JULY 1984, [REDACTED]  
THAT SECOND BRIGADE COMMANDER, COL. OSCAR EDGARDO ((CASANOVA))  
VEJAR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING MURDER OF FOUR MARYKNOLL  
NUNS IN 1982. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], CASANOVA WAS COMMANDER IN  
ZACATEGO LUCA AT TIME OF THE MURDERS AND HAD INFORMATION RE THE  
SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT OF THE NUNS IN LEFTIST ACTIVITIES. HE  
ALSO KNEW OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN EL SALVADOR  
ON THE DAY THEY WERE KILLED.

SOURCE CLAIMED

2. [REDACTED] THAT CASANOVA, WHO IS FIRST COUSIN OF MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE ((VIDES)) CASANOVA, WAS TRANSFERRED TO ARMY HQS  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MURDER OF THE NUNS TO SHIELD HIM FROM THE  
SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION.

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-- SALVADORAN JUSTICE OFFICIALS TOLD US OFFICIALS LAST WEEK THAT THEY INTEND TO APPEAL THE AMNESTY OF CRIMINALS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL PROMINENT MURDER CASES INVOLVING US CITIZENS. SUCH CASES INCLUDE THE KILLING OF FOUR MARINE GUARDS IN 1985 AND THE MARYKNOLL NUNS IN 1980.